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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Re: Patent Application of Brad A. Armstrong  
Serial No.: 09/148,806  
Filed: Sep. 4, 1998

Title: REMOTE CONTROLLER WITH ANALOG BUTTON(S)  
Examiner: Edwards, T.  
GAU: 2735

IN RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S COMMUNICATION DATE MAILED 05/24/00

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 05/24/00 regarding my above specified patent application. Would the Examiner please be so kind as to amend my above specified application as below requested and then reexamine the application and claims as amended in view of the herein remarks favoring allowance, finding all claims allowable. Thank you.

The Office Action of 05/24/00 has been carefully read.

It is noted that the claimed invention has not been found as disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of 35 USC.

It is further noted that while a variety of claims and limitations are presented in original claims 1-11, all of the claims are rejected by the Examiner as "obvious", i.e., anticipated by the prior art relied upon, primarily Thorne et al., and then Thorne et al combined with Martinelli and Sellers. As will be shown following Amendments, Thorne et al strongly teach away (suggest away from using) from the present invention and to such a powerful degree that Thorne et al cannot be reasonably combined with a disclosure advocating use of analog, as such are in complete 180 degree conflict and not directing the mind of one skilled in the art in any particular direction let alone suggesting the specific limitation as claimed.

Applicant respectfully yet firmly disagrees with the

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